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IN REPLY REFER TO:

J&A 15-060

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR USE OF SOLE SOURCE (BRAND NAME)

1. IDENTIFICATION OF AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY. The requiring activity is the Office of Forensic Support (OFS), Global Operations, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). The contracting activity is the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk, Philadelphia Office.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION BEING APPROVED. Award of a contract on a sole source (brand name) basis with Limestone Technologies, Inc. (CAGE L3433). The placement of a firm, fixed price order is anticipated.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES. The Limestone polygraph professional suite solution consists of hardware and software that will complement existing Limestone products that are used to conduct polygraph examinations. The Limestone polygraph suite is used as the platform for polygraphing subjects and compiling the data during the sessions.

The Limestone polygraph solution suite is required before the award of the "NCIS Polygraph Global Operations" contract slated for August 1, 2015. The FY 15 funds being used for this effort are O&M.

4. STATUTORY AUTHORITY PERMITTING SOLE SOURCE. The statutory authority for the use of other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C. 1901 under the authority of the test program for certain commercial items, as implemented by FAR 13.501(a).

5. RATIONALE JUSTIFYING USE OF CITED STATUTORY AUTHORITY.

Limestone is a brand name peculiar to one manufacturer. As discussed below, the Limestone brand name is essential to the Government's requirements, thereby precluding consideration of a product manufactured by another company.

The Limestone polygraph solution suite is currently used by NCIS to conduct polygraphs of subjects and additional suites are needed to support an August contract award for "NCIS Polygraph Global Operations." NCIS agents have been trained on this and procuring different hardware/software will negatively impact the NCIS mission, including the training of the polygraph examiners as part of the referenced contract.

The Limestone suite will be used with the current "Limestone Sensor Box" that gathers reading from all NCIS Polygraph Examination Worldwide. The suite is the only product compatible with the Limestone Polygraph Instruments for the proper operation and administration of a valid Polygraph Examination. The Limestone software provides a permanent record of physiological data collection during the testing phase of polygraph examinations and ensures the integrity of that physiological data. The NCIS Polygraph Global Operations currently has a substantial investment in a polygraph equipment and training on the Limestone line of equipment.

SOURCE SELECTION INFORMATION – SEE FAR 2.101 and 3.104

Transitioning to an alternative product would result in substantial disruption in this agencies operation and an increase in funding cost for supplemental training and support.

Thus, the Limestone brand name is essential to the Government's requirements, thereby precluding consideration of a product manufactured by another company.

6. DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS MADE TO SOLICIT OFFERS FROM AS MANY OFFERORS AS PRACTICABLE.

NCIS conducted market research and found three other companies that produce polygraph instruments and although they market similar hardware and software; it is not compatible with the Limestone system.

7. DETERMINATION OF FAIR AND REASONABLE COST.

The Contracting Officer will determine the anticipated cost to the Government of the supplies covered by this J&A will be fair and reasonable.

8. ACTIONS TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO FUTURE COMPETITION.

All future requirements will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

9. CONTRACTING POINT OF CONTACT

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